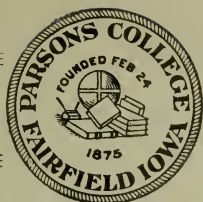


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CORRESPONDENCE WORK

Conditions are very unusual this year and many young people, who would ordinarily be in college, are engaged in teaching, filling positions in the industrial world or otherwise supplying the need created by the war. It is probable that some of these may have sufficient leisure time to justify them in undertaking some systematic work of an academic nature which will advance them toward their ultimate graduation from college.

Parsons College has, therefore, decided to offer some courses by correspondence. Each of these courses is of college grade and will be carefully supervised by the instructor in charge. The work will compare favorably in quality with that done in the classroom. Details concerning this work can be obtained by writing the President or Dean.

The following courses are now ready while others are in preparation:

EDUCATION I AND II

Credit, 3 hours each

This is a course in the history of education from primitive times to the present. It includes a discussion of educational ideals and practices as these have helped in the development of civilization. Each of these courses can be taken separately. Monroe's "Brief Course" is used as a text.

THE SHORT STORY

Credit, 3 hours

This very interesting course offered by the Department of English can be taken satisfactorily by correspondence. Using the text of the well known authority, J. Berg Esenwein, as a basis, the course offers a study in the structure and technique of the short-story. Special attention is given to the elements of the story—the plot, the setting and the characters; and oppor-

EXTENSION WORK

The possibilities of the extension work carried on by Parsons College is illustrated in the work prosecuted by the Bible department. In the autumn of 1917 a community Bible class was organized in the city of Fairfield. Membership in this class soon gathered representatives from every denomination in the city. At the close of the year the members of this class petitioned the college authorities to continue the work during the college year, 1918-19. In conformity with this request this class was opened again in September with an enrollment of 122. At the last meeting in December, action was taken by the class to increase its membership to 175 by the opening of the second semester, February third.

The reputation of this class spread abroad. Leading citizens of Mt. Pleasant petitioned for the opening of the work in that city under the auspices of the federated churches. The epidemic of the "flu" was an untoward circumstance against which it was hard for the class to make progress. But the progressive church men of that city were not to be easily thwarted, and they pressed forward. At the time of writing the membership of their class has reached 110.

The most interesting outgrowth of this class was a decision of the high school authorities to organize classes for their students. Conference was held with such of their students as voluntarily met with Prof. Vartanian. At this meeting the class was organized with a membership of 55, which has now increased to 136, with 150 as their second semester goal. We consider this a step taken in advance of any other community or high school in the state. All the teachers of the school, including the principle and superintendent, are members of the community class. Already the news of the work done by Parsons College through these community Bible classes has gone abroad and requests for organization in other places have reached the President.

Miss Mildred Stewart, '18, in the department of music, upon her graduation, went to the American Academy of Music in Chicago. This institution is one of the strongest and best in this country. The degrees given by it are among the most highly prized throughout the United States. Miss Stewart entered the American Academy in September for her post-graduation work. She was granted her bachelor of music degree in three months after entering. This is the kind of testimony to the efficiency of work being done at Parsons College we are constantly winning. Miss Stewart is now organist at one of the largest Congregational churches in Chicago.

We wish to remind our friends everywhere that the campaign for \$500,000 is being pressed and is meeting with encouragement. The time limit for its completion will be fixed by the executive committee at its next meeting. Let each and every Alumnus boost.

Two splendid sons of Parsons are visiting us as we go to press. President Reed, of Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., and Dr. John Hinkhouse,

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NOT MANY colleges or universities have made greater contributions to the military work of our country than Parsons. Since our last bulletin two more of our force have departed for the service of our country in a ministry to our men that is now deemed of first importance in the maintenance of the morale of our troops.

Dr. Wm. A. Wirtz, for twenty-nine years head of the department of modern languages, has been assigned to educational work at the Great Lakes Training Camp in the vicinity of Chicago. This is one of the most important points in the government's great string of cantonments and training stations, and we congratulate Dr. Wirtz on his appointment.

Prof. Charles Carter, head of the department of Biology, has been called by the Red Cross for service abroad. He expects to go to England and later probably to France for research work or administration service as conducted by this great humanitarian organization. Prof. Carter has been with Parsons for eleven years and has established himself in the hearts of all students in Parsons College. Both Prof. Carter and Dr. Wirtz have built up for themselves reputations at home and abroad beyond the boundaries of our state for efficiency in the teaching profession that is enviable. They will be engaged in work along the line of their chosen vocation and will return to us at the end of twelve months better equipped for service in the years to come.

This makes six of our teaching and administrative force in our country's service. We have been able to find the workers to take up the task which these devoted and efficient men have carried.

It is a pleasure to present to the students, alumni and friends of Parsons College, Howard McDonald, A. B. (Muskingum, Princeton), Ph. D.



Howard McDonald, A. B., Ph. D.

graduated from Ohio Wesleyan taking his bachelor of arts degree and later going to Harvard for his Master's degree and Doctorate. Dr. May has been head of a preparatory school and junior college located at Urbana, Ohio, for the past seven years and has so successfully conducted that institution as to establish himself in the teaching and administration work of the educational institutions of the country. He prepared himself for a professorship in ancient languages and comes to Parsons to pursue his chosen vocation to which he has not been permitted to give himself entirely while administrative head of the Urbana institution. Dr. May is a man of pleasing address and fine enthusiasm in the work of his department. Students at Parsons will have a rare privilege in the prosecution of their work under Dr. May.

(Michigan University), who has been for some years past Dean and occupant of the chair of history and sociology at Muskingum College. This institution is under the direction of the United Presbyterian Church and has graduated men and women who have risen to positions of emience in the profession; like Dr. Wm. Harper, President of Chicago University for many years and Dr. Wm. Oxley Thompson, President of the University of Ohio. Under the administration of Dr. John Knox Montgomery and Dr. Howard McDonald that institution has been taking its place as one of the best Christian colleges in Ohio. Dr. McDonald will now join with Dr. Montgomery at Parsons to make Parsons College one of the notable institutions of the Middle West. Dr. McDonald will take up his work the first of September.

Dr. Carroll Holmes May, who comes to the chair of Ancient Languages,



Dr. Carroll Holman May

Miss Christine Hume, A. B., (Monmouth) comes to us from Columbia where she has been doing post graduate work the past year. She was Student Counsellor in the young ladies' hall housing five hundred women at that institution and enjoys the confidence and high commendation of the head of that hall, and of the department of English Literature. Professor Morris after making the acquaintance of Miss Hume and planning the work in his department with her, writes enthusiastically about his expectations for the work in English under the direction of Miss Hume. She will also occupy the position of Dean of Women. Miss Hume's home is at Springfield, Ohio, where her father has been pastor of the First United Presbyterian church for many years.



Miss Christine Hume, A. B.

Mrs. Job Johnson, who has served Parsons College in the past will assist Miss Hume in the department of English. She needs no introduction. She is known amongst us as a woman of pleasing personality and rare gifts in the teaching profession.

Mr. Louis J. Bourdon, who comes as acting professor of Modern Languages for the year, is a native of France, was educated at Bourdeaux, France, and came to this country some twelve or fifteen years ago. He is a polished and refined gentleman who has had the experience necessary to make him especially fit to take charge of the large classes in French which are being enrolled at Parsons for the opening in September. Special classes in conversational French will be opened by Prof. Bourdon for the soldier boys at Parsons.

Prof. Alfred W. Jones, B. A. M. S., will fill the vacancy left by the departure of Prof. Carter. Prof. Jones comes to Parsons with the highest recommendations for thorough knowledge of Science. His first days in our midst have been a full guarantee of his acceptableness as a man and we believe there will be no evidence wanting of his gifts as a teacher among the students of Parsons. We welcome him to Parsons.

The following is a list of our students of last year who are now in the service of our country. We are very desirous of knowing the address of each man and his military identification. As you look over the list and recognize the names of your relatives or friends please send us the address of such. The boys themselves are busy. Many of them write us but not all. We are desirous of knowing about them—first that we may have our honor roll complete, second that we may send them the bulletins and letters regularly. Remember letters and papers from college and home and friends mean much to our boys in camp, hospital and trench.

Orion Otto Coppock, Paul Ogden Ferrel, Alexander Bruce Mellis, Calvin

Loren Scovel, Irwin Wyllie Atwood, Lowe Franklin Berger, Archibald Martin Cantrall, Wade Wesley Flinspach, Harry Raymond Frank, Benjamin Louis Gallaher, William Carroll Keeseey, John Clements Larmore, Hayes Warner Parsons, Fred Thomas Wilson, Glen Edwin Cooper, William Ward Gibson, John Chaney Hedrick, Vincent Parkhurst Keeseey, Dwight John Krumboltz, William Barkley Lyon, Leland Cameron Page, Fred McAllister Raney, Curtis Gust Schillerstrom, Ralph Maxwell Spencer, Kendrick Stoke, Afton James Wesley, Roscoe Whitmore, Lester Harlan Brown, Harold DuBois Day, Paul Meredith DeKalb, Creigh Chalfent Hemminger, Wallace Preston Johnson, Raymond Kays, John Marion Keeseey, Ellwood Lindbom, Leo Aloysius O'Brien, Harold Cameron Self, Merrit Whitman Taylor.

We also desire a list of our alumni and former students and request that all who read this bulletin will assist us in securing the same. Please drop us a card giving name of any and all men of whom you know belonging to Parsons.

The great ally drive is on and our boys are on the way "to Berlin." The five hundred thousand Germans in America on whom the Kaiser depended to foment disloyalty and rise up in arms for Germany did not foment and rise. Not because they were afraid of "lamp posts" but because they have found a new country and a better government. The brutalities and butcheries of Berlin and Potsdam are not calculated to win them back to the "Fatherland." The program of frightfulness has failed. We have pushed back the Hun forces. The great wave of darkness and force, of violence and shame is stanchd. And when our victorious hosts have crushed the autocracy of Europe with its cold intellectual pride and its love of self and its implements of force, peace will come to Germany as well as to us and let us hope and pray Hohenzollernism will be no more. God speed the day!

Friends of Parsons let us celebrate the victory of our boys in Europe by a great endowment of our beloved college at home. If Parsons College friends would rally and put One Million dollars into the endowment of this college as a memorial to the service of the men who have gone and some of whom have made the supreme sacrifice for our country they would build a monument here worthy the men and worthy the cause we celebrate.

Ballard Hall has been undergoing renovation and remodeling. Changes have been made in every room plan, while the interior has been redecorated from top to bottom. Other changes have been made to cheer the heart of every girl in the hall.

The Student Army Training Corps is established at Parsons College and the men will be enrolled in this Army organization on or about October first. All men in college over 18 and under 21 are eligible and should enroll. A "vocational section" will also be organized, giving opportunity to certain men who have not been prepared for college but have been engaged in special lines of work. The government provides food, residence, and clothing and tuition for all men in the S. A. T. C.

The following is an extract from a letter received from Prof. Morris, who is in Y. M. C. A. service in France: "The world is a little place but an interesting one, where surprises are a daily occurrence. One of them came Tuesday morning when I went into the lower hall of the old stone house which is district headquarters here and say lying by the stairway a blanket roll with the name U. B. Newton on it. With half Europe to land in, what should Newton do but drop down right in the same quaint old town where I am located. You may guess we had what the boys call "some time together." He dropped down here Sunday and is to have the accounting for the district. I've been for a month in the barracks just in the edge of the city. We are bunking together here at my old quarters in an old French barracks and are going to have a time. Newton has just left for the office and asks me to send greetings; he's big as life—which isn't very big after all." Newton writes he and Prof. Morris are just one and a half hour's ride from the boys of Unit R and that some day they are going over to surprise the Unit in a call. Parsons will not be forgotten when they meet.

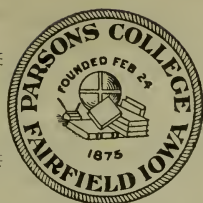
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SINCE the last bulletin the world has witnessed the terrific efforts of blood and iron to master the world. On the long line of our allied armies the Huns have flung themselves with utter abandon in a vain effort to make good the promise of the Kaiser and Hindenburg to be in Paris for Easter. They did not keep their promise to their people. They could not. Too valiant a host opposed them. Too wise and gifted statists met them. They found a force upon which they had not counted. The power of which they do not seem, even yet, to properly evaluate—the power of a great and valiant Ideal enshrined in the heart of a great people—the Ideal of Democracy and Humanity; the Ideal of Equality and Fraternity; Ideals that must eventually win.

The defects of militarism to which Germany has been wedded for generations past, are many. But in nothing is it more patent than in that notable phrase of Bismark's that "blood and iron" will settle the problems of international diplomacy. His "Potsdam Gang" seem too heavy and dull with their gorge of blood to realize their theories and deeds are doomed to death. This old world has failed sadly to do the will of Christ. It is far from surrendered to Him. His followers know they have not completed their mission. They have much witnessing yet to give, but one thing is firmly set in our hearts in the conduct of this war, and that is God did not so love the world as to send His Son to die and then two thousand years after it, permit the philosophy of the "Potsdam Gang" to subdue the earth.

Let the Church of God—for she has sent her sons from pulpit and pew, from mart and trade—get on her knees and fight as the lads who are down there at the front are fighting those forces of hell.

We are still too frivolous—we are taking the cause too lightly. We are fat and flourishing at home. The nation has hardly yet SEEN blood. Our imagination has been dulled with prosperity. The burden of war propaganda is still too heavy for a nation that has five hundred thousand men on the battle front. Why do we need so much talk for bonds when our boys are ready for the great sacrifice? We ought to crowd upon and seize every opportunity

without the need of men to talk us into doing our best. Let us awake and put on the whole armor of God and fight for the Cause.

The need of America today is an experience of a more eager sympathy with the men who are offering their lives on the high places of the field somewhere in France. If the Church of God could but get alarmed and feel the wounds which Germany has already put upon us, she would be more sober and earnest and sympathetic with our men. We must carry them up to the Throne of God and help them to win. All of us can render this service if we know how to pray; and every man who remembers an old man and woman at the family altar back yonder in the years, who carried him up to the Throne and asked God to bless and strengthen him, keep and enable him in the struggle and combat of life, knows what this means. The Church of Christ and all good men and women everywhere must get under the load and intercede until God gives us the victory against the forces of heathenism and hell that have come out of Germany.

We said in our last Bulletin that Parsons was in the war. One in five of the alumni of Parsons college are now in the country's service. Thirty of our students have departed since December 1st for service at the Front. One of our lads has given his life for his country at the battle front: Allan Watts Jewett, in the freshman class of last year. He enlisted just twelve days after our country had declared war with Germany. He went "over there" with the first contingent of American forces. Exactly one year from the date of his enlistment, April 18th, 1918, on the battle front in France he made the great sacrifice for his people and all people in every land. Jewett was a fine soldier. He had the pep and dash, the gift of leadership, that marks the good soldier. No doubt when the call came to go over the top he leaped into No Man's Land with the same pep and push with which he played in the football team. He has written his record in blood. We can match his sacrifice for us with only the poor tribute of praise. We can only say—"We thank you, Allan Watts Jewett, for what you did for us and we write your name with the heroes who have loved and died for their fellows."

PARSONS AND THE CHURCHES

The following churches are reported in the subscriptions received for current expenses the past month: Osceola, Middletown, East End Ottumwa, Emerson, Winterset. These churches were visited by President Montgomery and the work of Parsons College presented to the people there. We wish to make our acknowledgement of this new list of recruits for the work of Christian education in this college. We are endeavoring to awaken the whole church to the power of Germany over the educational life of our country in the methods, standards, and results of educational processes. Twenty years ago Campbell Morgan, the great British preacher, said concerning the critical processes of Germany in respect to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments that Great Britain had accepted them thirty years before. He then said to the company of ministers to whom he spoke "America is just beginning to accept these results now. She is thirty years behind the times." Thank God, we kept sufficiently in the rear to escape the utter fatality that befell those who kept pace with said results. Within the last two years, the learned and brilliant editor of the British Weekly has said in his great journal: "If

this war does nothing more than liberate Great Britain from German theology, it will have been worth while." America has been informed and warned of the influence which German educational centers have had upon us in our great educational field, by the utterances of no less an authority than President Wilson in his speech to the laboring men of this country last autumn. The only question is—Are we determined to throw off these subtleties now? Will we continue to belittle the denominational and religious college and leave it at the back door like a pauper begging for alms? Or will the Church arise and support these colleges with money sufficient to do their work and crowd them with students from the family altars of the church? We believe this is what the church will ultimately (and we pray—speedily) do.

Since the last Bulletin, Parsons' President has spoken in the high schools of Osceola, Emerson, Burlington, and Orient. At Burlington we found Arthur Julian, class '15, directing a large orchestra at the assembly exercises on Friday morning. It was some orchestra. Julian is presiding genius in the department of Science and he is making good. About 675 students were present that morning. President Montgomery's talk was one of several which Principal Brown has been having during the spring for the purpose of increasing the number of students graduating from Burlington high school who go to attend college. Principal Brown is a skilled educator. He also believes in the small church college for undergraduate work. We shall look forward with pleasure to Parsons' representation at Burlington again.

At Osceola we met Miss Ruth Selby, of the class of '17, and Miss Gertrude Downs, also of the class of '17. They are doing splendid work. At Orient where President Montgomery made the Commencement address, Frances Dool, of '17, has had a very successful year, so successful that they have advanced her salary for next year. Thomas Bruce Young, class '03, who has been principal of the schools at Orient for the past two years, has accepted a call to become principal of the consolidated schools near to Des Moines and will take up the work at the opening of the school year.

We had a letter recently from Paul Hinkhouse. Paul is in missionary work out in Bangkok, Siam. We take the following from his letter: "I have greatly enjoyed the bulletins which I have been receiving from time to time and the other day a Port fell into my hands. It was needless to say, very interesting reading. I don't think that I have enjoyed anything more. It did me good to see the names of those who were in the Prep and F. H. S. and even in the grades in the line-up of the football team. Ever since the sinking of the ship which took down all of my college annuals and college memory books, the college has felt farther away than it ever has and I do so much want to keep in touch with it." We want to assure Paul that Parsons does not forget the men who are on the far-off margins of the world.

The Tri-State Athletic meet of Iowa schools was with us Saturday, May 11th. It was a great meet. Seventyfive boys visiting Parsons for this event were entertained at dinner in the gymnasium. Thirteen schools took part.

The following boys have left our courses for enlistment in the service of our country since last December:

Orion Otto Coppock	Vincent Parkhurst Keesey
Paul Ogden Ferrel	Dwight John Krumboltz
Alexander Bruce Mellis	William Barkley Lyon
Calvin Loren Scovel	Curtis Gust Schillerstrom
Irmin Wyllie Atwood	Ralph Maxwell Spencer
Lowe Franklin Berger	Afton James Wesley
Archibald Martin Cantrall	Roscoe Whitmore
Wade Wesley Flinspach	Lester Harlan Brown
Harry Raymond Frank	Creigh Chalfent Hemminger
Benjamin Louis Gallaher	Wallace Preston Johnson
William Carroll Keesey	Fred Thomas Wilson
John Clements Larmore	Ellwood Lindbom
Hayes Warner Parsons	Leo Aloysius O'Brien
Glen Edwin Cooper	Harold Cameron Self
William Ward Gibson	Raymond Kays

Two events of interest are to be recorded since our last Bulletin. A Parsons College night was held at Ottumwa recently in which a team of singers and speakers presented the work of Parsons college. The house was filled with an interested audience and many are the congratulations we continue to receive from the people of that city and church, upon the program of the evening. On Sunday morning, May 19th, a similar program was given in the Presbyterian church and Sunday school at Burlington. These Parsons College events are being held in different churches in Iowa and are contributing to the publicity work of Parsons. We hope to cover a large number of the strategic centers of southern Iowa before many months have gone.

To the Students Preparing for College:

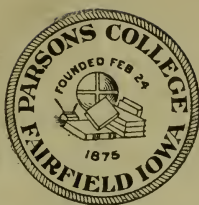
Remember Parsons college will give you the advantage of the best training at the minimum cost.

The student body—the teaching corps—the courses offered—the challenge of leadership in society, in debating teams, in literary preparation, in athletic fields—are unsurpassed at Parsons college.

Come to Parsons if you want the best.

Ballard Hall will be remodeled on all four floors this summer. We expect to make it one of the delightful features in the life of our students at Parsons. An expenditure of several thousand dollars will be necessary to do the work which we wish to do in this building and we ask the earnest co-operation in the gifts of every one interested in the work of Parsons college for the girls assembled here. All gifts for any amount will be acceptable.

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Commencement

The commencement of 1918 in Parsons College will never be forgotten. Things happened that never happened before. Conditions were such in the world as they had never been before. In the college circumstances surrounded us the like of which will never maintain again. The great war had claimed every man in the Senior class. They were in France, doing service for our country. These men had nearly completed their first semester's work in the senior year before they were called out, and in view of their service abroad for the second semester the faculty had voted to give them credit for their entire year, bestowing upon them the degrees for which they had labored the past years. The names of the men were therefore announced with the other graduates and request made for any near relatives who might be present to come forward and receive their diplomas. When the name of Calvin Scovel was read, his sister, who graduated at Parsons in the class of 1916 came forward and received his diploma for him. His sister, Nellie Scovel, a member of this class, being seriously ill was also unable to be present, so that her diploma was delivered to Miss Hazel Scovel at the same time. Miss Coppock, a member of the present Junior class, being present, received the diploma for her brother, Orion Coppock, who is also in France. These incidents lent a unique distinction to the commencement of 1918.

All the boys of the Senior class are with Hospital Unit R under command of Major Jas. F. Clarke, somewhere in France. They have one of the large base hospitals, with several hundred beds in their charge. Of the contingent that left with this unit in February for France, fully four-fifths of them were students or alumni of Parsons. The letters that have come to us and the responsibilities that have been put upon them indicate the splendid and efficient service these Parsons men are rendering our country in these grand and awful times. Major Clarke in a recent letter says concerning the present student body with him, "Yesterday I did a serious operation and the man who put the patient on the table and covered him warmly and helped the nurses was C..... While I stood waiting for the ether sleep I watched and

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thought how much the country owed to Parsons College for developing these men—making them able to do the splendid work they are doing. C. would be surprised if he knew I thought his work was unusual and fine. To him it is doubtless only the plain duty of the day and irksome at times. Yet it is fine. It is well done—so well done because of his college development.”

The entire Commencement program was colored by these circumstances identifying us with the fighting forces and the battle fields of the world. Many eyes were dimmed and hearts were flooded with tenderness upon the mention of the names of these absent soldier men. Our hearts swelled with pride as we thought of them and their contribution in this great struggle of Democracy with Autocracy.

Commencement week was opened with the Baccalaureate service on Sunday morning, May 26th. All the churches of Fairfield adjourned their usual services at that hour and united in this service at the college. Each pastor had some part in the service. The Rev. Floyd Poe, minister of the Presbyterian church at Independence, Kans., who was to address the Christian Associations at night was also present and sang “The Lord Is My Light” to the delight and inspiration of all. President Montgomery preached the sermon, on the words recorded in the Gospel according to John, chapter 2, verse five—“Whatever He saith unto you, do it.” His theme was the authority of Jesus. This will probably be issued in pamphlet form and distributed to the Parsons Constituency soon so it is not necessary to review it here. In the evening Rev. Dr. Poe spoke in the Presbyterian church on the “Soul of America” to an appreciative audience. Unfortunately the Commencement of the high school began at the same hour, and many of the residents of Fairfield whose children were graduating from the public schools were prevented attending this address and missed the stirring and inspiring message delivered by Dr. Poe. Upon every hand we heard expressions of gratitude to the orator for the message he had brought and acknowledgment of indebtedness to him for the vision he had given.

On Saturday the singout on the steps of Ewing hall occurred. By this time, the clouds which had hung low, had lifted and students and guests could gather on the campus. Under the leadership of Prof. Mountain all “sings” at Parsons are events not to be missed and this was no exception to the rule. The Senior’s chapel songs, in which faculty members are “taken off” were repeated, as we think, probably for the benefit of a certain member of the faculty, because he had not been present on the occasion for which these songs were originally prepared.

The May Pole dance on Monday afternoon was very beautifully and gracefully given on the campus but on account of the rain the crowd was very much reduced as well as the programme.

The Senior play given Monday evening was a great success. Remembrances were distributed to favored members of the faculty and student body.

On Tuesday afternoon and evening the Devereaux players were present with us and gave two splendid performances in the auditorium of the high school. But again the rain which fell in such torrents the roads were washed out in many places, reduced the audience at the evening performance to less than one hundred.

The Commencement on Wednesday had somewhat more propitious weather than the other events, but even then on account of the threatening clouds and a little sprinkle the academic procession formed at the Bible building instead of at the library, and marched to the chapel. We may say for the information of those not privileged to be present, the academic procession is a stately and gorgeous affair. The faculty, visiting guests of the college and the Senior class, together with the choir, are in academic robes. The various degrees worn by the members of the faculty and visitors are indicated in the colors of the academic hoods, which are worn over the bachelor's gown. Led by the choir this procession in various and bright colors enters the chapel while the audience stands, and marching down the center isle, the double column divides and approaches the platform from the two sides. When all are in their places, the audience still standing, the invocation is pronounced by the person indicated, after which the program goes forward until the last announcement of prizes is made. Then, the audience standing again, the procession leaves the chapel.

At the close of our Commencement exercises, the Alumni dinner was spread in the gymnasium. It was a delicious repast. The post-prandial program was conducted by Dr. Carter, orator for the day. Dr. Carter was very happy in his introduction of the various speakers and the whole affair was very delightful to the large company that broke bread together. There were pledges of loyalty and expressions of satisfaction on the part of the alumni and student body present, and the class of 1918 was initiated into the Alumni Association.

Among the incidents of Commencement Week was the visit of Mr. Clarence E. Roth, of the class of 1891, who expressed his interest in his Alma Mater in a very substantial support of the chair of History and Economics for the ensuing year.

A second incident was the conferring of Doctor of Literature on Mary Leal Harkness, of the class of 1884. Dr. Harkness is at the present time connected with Tulane University, New Orleans, in the department of Latin. We deeply regretted the inability of Dr. Harkness to be present and receive her degree in person.

We rejoice to have with us this year the Rev. L. C. Walter, of the class of '95, now pastor of the Presbyterian church at Okmulgee, Okla., on whom was conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Walters has been a very successful pastor and faithful minister of the Word of God.

The unsectarianism of Parsons College, though under Presbyterian synodical control, was manifested in the action of the Board of Trustees conferring the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev. Wilbur R. Keesey, pastor of the Methodist church of Fairfield, an expression of our personal appreciation of this faithful minister of the gospel in this city, and a mark of appreciation of the generous support which members of this congregation have given to Parsons College.

Rev. Wm. Abraham Mast, of the class of '97, was also in the list of those upon whom the honorary degree was conferred. Dr. Mast has been pastor of

the church at Brookings, S. D., for some years, and has succeeded splendidly in his ministry.

For the month of June we have issued a special bulletin which we call our patriotic bulletin, as it is entirely of excerpts from the utterances of the government commissioner of education and the president on the duty and importance of maintaining our colleges in these times when so much is calling upon the people for support.

We are very sorry to record the death of Prof. R. A. Harkness, affectionately known among his students by the name of "Uncle Dick." Prof. Harkness was connected with Parsons College for more than 17 years. He distinguished himself as a teacher of Latin. After Parsons days he continued his work in a private school up to the beginning of the last year of his life. He was buried from the Presbyterian church in Fairfield on Friday, June 21st, at the ripe age of 78. Prof. Harkness' interest in Parsons College never flagged and within the last year at public dinners he has expressed himself a loyal supporter of the institution.

Since our last bulletin the following churches in the Presbytery of Iowa have made pledges to our work: Osceola, \$215.00; Middletown, \$94.50; Winter-set, \$24.00; Emerson, \$84.00; Bloomfield, \$121.00; Oakville, \$51.00; Mediapolis, \$62.00; Ottumwa, \$99.25; Winfield, \$150.00; New London, \$48.00; Mt. Pleasant, \$116.70; Salina, \$300.75; Burlington, \$76.00; Ft. Madison, \$226.02.

The following additions to our faculty for the ensuing year are announced. Dr. Howard McDonald, Dean of Muskingum College for the past three years, has accepted the call to the chair of History and Sociology. Dr. McDonald has distinguished himself and his institution for the efficiency of his service not only in directing the educational work of that institution, but in co-operation with the president, Dr. John Knox Montgomery, in building up the student body to an enrollment of more than six hundred for the year. We welcome him to Parsons and assure him of the enlarged opportunity open to him here.

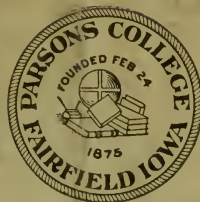
Miss Christine Hume, of Monmouth and Columbia University, has accepted the call to the Deanship of Women and as head of the department of English during Prof. Morris' leave of absence for war service. Miss Hume comes to us with the highest commendations as teacher and companion to young women.

Dr. Carroll Holman May, president of Urbana University School, a junior college at Urbana, Ohio, will occupy the chair of Ancient Language in Parsons beginning in September. Dr. May is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan and post-graduate of Yale, with an excellent record in teaching work. We hail his coming as a splendid prospect for Parsons.

All these, Dr. McDonald, Prof. Hume and Dr. May are of splendid personality, the emphasis Parsons makes in its teaching force.

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FOSTER SCIENCE HALL.

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College duties closed at noon of the 19th. Most of the students returned to their homes. A number of them found profitable employment in or about the city, and remained for all or a portion of the season. The semester's work so far has been a good one, so that students and all may justly enjoy the time of recreation. Word comes of a few new students for the college, who will enroll with the resumption of college duties after the vacation.

The two Sabbath Vespers held during the month in Baryhydt Chapel, were, each in its own way, special ones. It was our privilege at one of them to have with us the Honorable H. H. Seldomridge of the Second Colorado District. His address was what one would expect from a consecrated Christian man in a place of public responsibility. The last Sabbath before the Christmas vacation was held the Christmas song service. Our new organ was much in evidence.

The Presbyterian College Union met in annual session early in the month in McCormick Theological Seminary Library, Chicago. Of the twenty-five colleges holding membership in the Union, twenty-four were represented. Matters of college interest were freely discussed. Two representatives of the College Board attended and helped in the discussions. There is an increased feeling on the part of the college presidents that the church needs the denominational college and that she is becoming more sensitive to that fact. Two features are essential if the colleges are to render the assistance to the church that is expected of them. The children of Presbyterian, as well as of other, homes must attend the colleges. Endowment sufficient to provide the instruction for them, of the same quality as provided in any publicly supported institution, is equally essential. The problems were fully realized, and through them all there was the ring of assurance that the church will supply both factors, not for the college's sake, but that the church may continue to hold her rightful place in the work of the Master's Kingdom.

Two student functions have been of special importance during the month. The annual Junior class play was given in the auditorium of our local High school building. The reproduction of "As You Like It" was creditable, and revealed

more than mere amateur ability on the part of some who participated. The Oratorical contest in Barhydt Chapel resulted in the selection of Kenneth B. McAfee, of the Senior class, to represent the college in the contest of the colleges of the eastern half of the state. Those who have heard the local contests in recent years witness to the fact that the one just held was of credit and compares favorably with former ones. We dare not enter the field of prophecy, but we are hopeful for further results.

Avail was taken of the absence of classes during the vacation season to make some changes in the offices in Fairfield Hall. What was known to former students as the assembly room or chapel has been converted into a general office. A waiting room has been provided opening from it. The First National Bank of Fairfield recently discarded its fixtures, and, through the kindness of the directors, they were given the college. Use was made of them in refitting the offices. The kindness of the bank directors is hereby appreciably acknowledged. With their helpful gift our offices assume an air of distinction of which we are justly proud.

Cash Gifts Received Since the First of September, 1913.

ENDOWMENT.

Iowa—Burlington \$265; Brighton \$15; Clarinda \$100; Diagonal \$5; Emerson \$5; Fairfield \$1,700; Ft. Madison \$10; Harper \$5; Ottumwa \$5,000; Perry \$25; Stuart \$5; Washington \$1,000. Total for endowment \$8,135.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Iowa—Albia, First Presbyterian Church \$7; Burlington, First Presbyterian Church \$33.61; Fairfield \$20; Ottumwa, First Presbyterian Church \$22.

Ohio—Cleveland \$2.

New York—New York \$750. Total for current expenses \$834.61.

SPECIAL.

Iowa—Fairfield (Song books) \$6.05; (Chem. Lab.) \$150; (Advertising) \$28.22; (Tuition) \$68; (Walks) \$41.37.

Total for special purposes \$293.64. Grand total \$9,623.25.

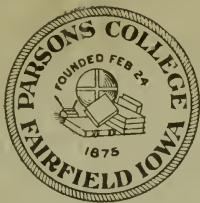
\$300,000 Fund For Parsons College.

	Needed	Pledged or Paid
For endowment	\$268,081.37	\$48,555.35
For current expenses, including campaign	32,274.00	752.00
Endowment Now Income Producing.....		\$231,918.63

We hope you noticed the statement in the December issue of The Bulletin of the amount "Pledged or Paid." If you did you will be gratified to see the increase as shown by this issue. Progress is not so rapid as we would like for it to be, but we realize that money does not grow on trees, nor have our friends a troublesome surplus, at least, not all of them. The fact that some progress is being made is in itself encouraging. Again a considerable number of friends have expressed a real interest and a purpose to make tangible evidence of it. Confidence is felt that the purpose will be realized by the next issue of The Bulletin. We are sure our friends will approve the work of the year as more detailed knowledge is had of it. Our students are fine in body, in mind and in spirit. A "booster" meeting held at the close of chapel just prior to the beginning of the vacation was an inspiration. They will do their part in the months and years to come, as they and their predecessors have so nobly done in the past. Every reader of this note will be a firm believer in them, if he be not one now, could he have been present at that hour. It is to keep just such young people as these, Parsons College wants the increased endowment. The world's work being done by the Alumni, at home and abroad, justifies the expenditures of past years. The promise of today's student body is equally encouraging.

WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!

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Student
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STUDENT ACTIVITIES—PARSONS COLLEGE.

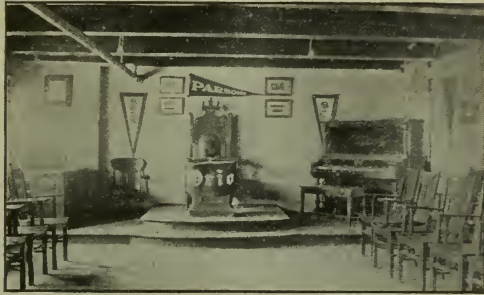
Parsons College was organized for the training of young people. Thirty-nine years of history have focused about this purpose. Today all plans center around her students. Truly may it be said, for them she lives today. Please note the varied activities that engage their attention and realize how important a part they are in our day's life. The body, the mind, and the spirit are all provided for.



The Athletic life centers about the Trustees' Gymnasium and the Alumni Athletic Field. The Gymnasium is of the best that can be built. Lockers and shower baths are ample for both men and women. The main floor of hard maple is an almost perfect basketball court. Nine feet above, on the exterior walls, is a bracketed running track. The Alumni Field is level and well-drained, surrounded in part by a quarter mile running track. Football and baseball grounds are ample. Near by are tennis courts. A coach is employed, who has all athletics in charge. We ranked first in the Hawkeye Conference in the football season of 1913, and fourth in the State Conference. The last intercollegiate scores in Basketball, Baseball, and Track Meets are creditable to Parsons' teams. The Tri-State Track and Field Meet will be held May 9th, on Parsons Alumni Field. Invitations have been extended to three hundred schools. Encouraging replies are being received.



ALDINE-EMPYREAN HALL.



ORIO-ELZEVIR HALL.

The mental, or literary, life of the student activities is found in the Literary societies—four in number—in the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest and Debates. The societies, two composed of women, two of men, hold weekly meetings. The usual programs are rendered and due importance given to the parliamentary rules governing such bodies. The society halls, in Fairfield Hall, are nicely furnished and in every way well suited to the purposes. Membership is held in the State Oratorical Association. A representative from the student body competes annually with the representatives from other colleges of the State for a place in the Interstate Contest. Parsons' orator won first place in the Eastern Iowa Oratorical in 1914, and in the Peace Contest tied for second places with Ames, 1913. A triangular debate with Penn and Leander Clark Colleges is held each year. The debates are held the same evening and the same subject is presented. Parsons has no occasion to be ashamed of her record in these meets.

Local debates, oratorical and essay contests are held during the year for some of which prizes are offered.

The student activities of the spiritual character find expression in the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, the Volunteer Band, and Mission study classes. Each of these organizations holds regular meetings and effort is constantly put forth to increase the interest in these subjects among their fellow students. Five delegates were sent to the Student Volunteer Movement Convention in Kansas City in January. Each of the Christian Associations has a well furnished rest room in Fairfield Hall, to which all students are welcome to study, read or engage quietly in conferences of any character pertaining to the student life.

The Portfolio, a weekly paper, is issued by the students. It is their organ and is used very helpfully by them for the advance of college interests. Through it they voice their thought of college life, its duties and its responsibilities. Valuable experience is gained in the preparation of material for interesting, wholesome reading.

The Peira, the College Annual, is issued by the Junior class. It is planned by them in its mechanical parts and all literary matter is prepared by them. From both viewpoints it is a book of which the class and the College are proud.



BALLARD HALL.

Ballard and Ewing Halls are under student government. A constitution was formulated and adopted by the students. Its provisions are interpreted and enforced by them. The "Staff and Circle," elected annually from their number, ably supports the Dean of Women and an advisory committee of the faculty in all matters pertaining to the conduct of the student body.

PARSONS COLLEGE SEEKS TO DEVELOP TRUE
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BARHYDT MEMORIAL CHAPEL AS IT APPEARED
DURING THE PAST TEN DAYS.

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The past month, though a short one, has been an exceedingly busy one on Parsons College Campus. The second semester opened the 4th. There were very few changes in the enrollment. Two new students entered the college classes.

The Day of Prayer for colleges was observed the 12th with a convocation at 10 o'clock, Y. M., Y. W. and Faculty Prayer meetings at 2:30 and a short address at 7 p. m. Not only was this the "Day of Prayer for Colleges," but was the opening day of the Vocational Conference. In addition to the Chapel services, short evening meetings were held closing with the Vesper on Sabbath. A number of individual conferences and meetings with different organizations and classes of students made the time one of profit and strength. Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D. D., Professor of Theology in McCormick Seminary, Chicago, was the leader. His helpful messages and personal words of cheer will continue to bear fruit and Parsons faculty and students are large gainers by his visit.

The 24th was Founder's Day. Rev. R. A. Montgomery, D. D., Ottumwa, gave a brief but appropriate address at Chapel. Thirty-nine years of Parsons life have gone into history. The opening of the fortieth year finds the college with a splendid plant, a strong faculty, a modest endowment, but a comparatively small enrollment of students. The plant is ample for the accommodation of several times the number of students. ENDOWMENT and STUDENTS are the prominent needs of the institution. It is hoped that the fortieth year of her history will have large things in store in these directions. As is usual on Founder's Day, the Board of Trustees was in session. The recent severe storms prevented the attendance of a number of non-resident members. The general interest of the college was discussed at length and some tentative plans arranged for the ensuing year. Committees were appointed to prepare definite plans that it is hoped will add greatly to the effectiveness of the college work. More will be said of these plans as they definitely mature.

Following the Vocational Conference, Dr. George C. Fracker, Educational Superintendent, Synod of Iowa for the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School work, began a two weeks' course on the history, origin, and modern methods of a Sabbath School. It is a new venture but seems

fully to have warranted the time given it. We certainly appreciate the service that Dr. Fracker has rendered in presenting the work with its needs and possibilities. He understands his subject, sees the possibilities, and is a teacher of force.

In literary lines we have been quite active. Our representative in the eastern section of the Oratorical contest won first place and will represent the college in the final at Des Moines in March. The triangular debate with Penn and Leander Clark resulted in a loss to Leander Clark and a victory in competition with Penn. The latter debate was held in Barydyt Chapel and was very creditable. Both sides showed an appreciation of the subject and a careful preparation that argues well for both institutions. Two numbers of the lecture course were held. Dr. Frederick Starr, University of Chicago, spoke on the Aztecs and illustrated his lecture with some very attractive pictures. The Ernest Gamble Co. gave an interesting concert. A very noted social event was the Washington Party. For dignity and culture it takes a very high standing. More than a hundred students and faculty were dressed in costumes of Washington's date. The grand march was led by Miss Harper, the Librarian, and was very attractive. The Gymnasium in which the reception was held was almost gorgeous in its decorations of red, white and blue. In athletics we have been busy. Our basketball team has won two victories on our home floor and lost three in meets away from home.

The Department of Astronomy rejoices in the purchase of a Henry Fitz four and one-half inch portable equatorial telescope. Having no astronomical observatory, it finds place in the Department Lecture room. We consider ourselves fortunate in securing this instrument as it was one much prized by a now deceased friend of another institution to whom it was given some years ago. Owing to improved facilities for astronomical work the small instrument was deemed of little value by that institution and we were enabled to secure it at a bargain price.

The college has been called upon to experience the loss of Miss Eva M. Lourance, 1888. One who knew her in Chicago says there are few women who have done in a quiet way more for the advance of the Master's cause. Seeing the need in a Chapel near her own home, though not her own church, she

gave of her talent and energy without reserve and as a consequence many young women were led to higher ideals of life and its possibilities.

Rev. Marcus P. McClure, D. D., 1893, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa, has resigned and accepted a pastorate in California. The college regrets to lose another Alumnus from Iowa but rejoices in the large and promising field of usefulness to which Dr. McClure has been called. Our continued best wishes go with him wherever he goes.

\$300,000 Fund For Parsons College.

	Needed	Pledged or Paid
For endowment	\$268,081.37	\$48,015.85
For current expenses, including campaign.....	32,274.00	948.00
Endowment Now Income Producing.....		\$231,918.63

From our mail: "Please find enclosed \$. first payment on my pledge. With prayers and earnest desire for your success in this work of the Lord, I remain."

This letter expresses the good will entertained by many Parsons friends. The gift helps of course. Money we must have if our Endowment and Current Expense funds are to grow, and friends, they must grow. You have thought certainly of helping. Many of you have so expressed yourselves. Why not do it now? We are doing our best to make the year's work a success and we have some large plans for the ensuing years. You want a share in making Parsons a helpful place for Iowa's splendid young people. Why not do it now? Do not forget the annuity plans mentioned last month.

Cash Gifts Received Since January 30th, 1914.

ENDOWMENT.

IOWA—Burlington, \$350.00; Crawfordsville, \$5.00; Fairfield, \$358.00; Libertyville, \$5.00; Mediapolis, \$20.00; Newton \$10.00; Ottumwa, \$30.00; Villisca, \$6.00.

OHIO—Sandusky, \$1.00.

UTAH—Salt Lake City, \$50.00

Total, \$835.00.

CURRENT EXPENSE.

IOWA—Burlington First Presbyterian Church, \$14.00.

SPECIAL.

IOWA—Fairfield, for Students' Tuition, \$51.00; Ottumwa, for Telescopé, \$100.00; total, \$151.00. Grand total, \$1,000.00.

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GREETING.

To the readers of The Bulletin we would extend the greetings of the season. Thanksgiving is here with its reminders of the prosperity of the year calling for special gratitude. Soon Christmas cheer will be in every heart and good wishes for the New Year will be on every tongue. In the enjoyment of all these glad anniversaries we wish the friends of Parsons College all possible blessing. May the advancing years bring increasing joy and every life be rich in treasure that endures.

The thirty-fifth year of Parsons opened September 14th very auspiciously. Although the day was stormy, it seemed to make no difference with the students, who enrolled promptly and were full of interest and enthusiasm. When the registration days were over it was found that the number was not quite so large as last year, the falling off being in the Academy. There have been others who have come in during the weeks since, so the total for the year will be about as last year.

This is its first season since 1905 that Parsons has tried to play football. Mr. Picken, the Director of Athletics, was desirous to make the experiment of having a team. When the student body was appealed to, it was found that there was a good number that would like to begin practice for positions on the team. A limited schedule was arranged and the boys began to train for the fray. Six games have been played and only one has been captured by Parsons, and that one was the first one played with Iowa Wesleyan. While this has been somewhat dis-

heartening, still there has been a spirit and dash about the team and a determination to do their best that have been truly admirable. From all sides come words of commendation for the gentlemanly conduct and bearing of the team. All this means much for the future.

So much attention has been given to football and outdoor sport that the main part of the Gymnasium has not been used as yet. Visiting teams and our own men have found the shower baths and the locker room just suited to the needs. The time has come for work to begin in earnest on the main floor and so the preliminary examinations will be made and classes formed to take up the drills and exercises. This work is compulsory for all new students and is to be taken by most of the others. The record shows that where the work in a Gymnasium is thus systematically carried on the results are most beneficial and permanent.

The prospect is that Parsons will have a strong team in basketball, as all but one of the team of last year will be on. The record made by them during the past season was enviable, both in games won and in the spirit which characterized them.

In connection with all the above it comes in good place to say that much of the praise for what has been written above is due to the man who has been devoting himself to the athletes in training them. To begin with, Mr. Picken has the right idea of college athletics, placing the emphasis where it should be. He believes in *clean* athletics, free from every suggestion of trickery and above reproach. He demands of the players that they engage in the contests as gentlemen and treat their opponents fairly. It is cause for congratulation that such a condition obtains and it will mean victory in the future.

The report below is the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees to the Synod of Iowa. There is a special reason for this, as it is desired that all who are interested in Parsons may see the problem of support as it confronts the College. The Committee on Education instead of bringing the question before Synod secured the appointment of a committee of five to consider the whole subject and report in 1910.

This committee consists of the following: Rev. Archibald Cardle, D. D., Burlington; Rev. E. A. Bess, D. D., Clinton; Rev. D. W. Fahs, D. D., Cedar Falls; Mr. James Black, Waterloo and Mr. W. P. Manley, Sioux City. It is expected that this committee will help solve this preplexing problem.

Brethren :

The thirty-fourth year of Parsons College was one of great blessing. Nothing occurred to mar the even tenor of the life and happiness of those connected with the institution, while there was much to make us rejoice and be glad. For all this we wish to return thanks to our Heavenly Father who made the year possible.

First we call your attention to the record of the year as it relates to routine tasks performed, plans carried out and work enlarged.

The attendance of students was in excess of recent years, the catalogue containing the names of two hundred and fifty-seven in the different departments. We are glad to report a steady improvement in the quality of the students, which is noticeable in the ideals held and the ambitions cherished. There is more independence in thinking, and scholarship appeals to them more strongly. In a time when numbers bulk so large in the estimate which people form of an institution of learning we could wish for larger attendance, and this is coming. But on the other hand, those most intimately associated with the best educational work are crying out against numbers and for *quality of work*, and this will always be best when numbers is a secondary consideration.

We feel to rejoice over the men and women who stand in the responsible position of instructors of these young men and women, for they are a chosen company of trained experts devoted to their high calling. Only one permanent change is to be reported, James G. McMurtry, Ph. D., who for the past seven years had held the chair of Greek, resigned to go into business at the close of the last year. His place has been filled by George F. Heffebower, A. M., as acting Professor of Greek. Professor Heffebower is an alumnus of the University of Michigan and has done post graduate work at Harvard as also at the University of Paris, Halle and Leipsic. He comes to us from Wooster University with high commendations and we look for fine results from his work.

For the first time Parsons has a regular Physical Director and Athletic Coach. Joseph C. Picken was graduated from Monmouth College in the class of 1908 and spent last year in the law school of the University of Chicago. Well qualified by nature and training for this position, with a well equipped Gymnasium at his hand and a high ideal of Christian manhood, he seems just the one for this important work.

Two of the graduates of the class of 1909 have been given positions in the College: Mr. C. E. Downard is to act as Secretary to the President and Assistant Treasurer, and Miss Elsie E. Zichy as Librarian.

Both of these young people bring with them not only ability for their work, but enthusiasm for the College.

Our equipment as a first-class College has been increased by the completion of the "Trustee Gymnasium." This very substantial and well equipped building was dedicated at the last Commencement with much enthusiasm, and the exercises of the week were held there. Those competent to judge have pronounced this a fine structure in every way for the purpose intended. This part of our work has received scant attention in the past and it is expected that with careful supervision the results will be most beneficial. The building and equipment have cost about \$20,000.00

Plans are completed for "Barhydt Chapel" and the foundation will be laid this fall. This building is to be erected by Mr. Theodore W. Barhydt of Burlington, Iowa, in memory of his Father and Mother. Too much cannot be said as to what we expect as the results of this Chapel in its influence upon the students.

During the past summer vacation we tried the experiment of a Summer School and were much gratified at the results. It was intended principally for grade and country teachers who need some such work in order to fit themselves for examinations and to advance their grades. The attendance was sixty-one and such was the satisfaction with the results that we were asked to continue it another year. The question of continuing and enlarging the scope of this work is now being considered by the faculty.

The spiritual condition of the College, while not all that could be desired, is still strong and flourishing. The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. are doing well and making their influence felt upon the whole school. Twice in the month they have charge of the Sabbath afternoon Chapel service. Vesper services, which are held on every alternate Sabbath at half-past four, are gaining in popularity and power. The daily Chapel service is less perfunctory and more a delight all the time. There is a daily prayer service held by the young men for ten minutes before the day's work begins which enlists the attention of the Christian students.

The yearly evangelistic campaign was held during February last year. Rev. W. A. Bodell of Hoopeston, Ill., was the leader and was very acceptable. As the result more than half of the unconverted students were won to Christ and there was a bracing up of those who already bore the name. This service is now a regular institution and we expect much from it each year.

Second: We would call attention to the plant which Parsons now has with which it proposes to do the work which has been committed to it. As will be remembered, most of this has been secured during the past six years since the fire. The values given are those of expert appraisers who invoiced the college last spring and so are conservative as we believe:

BUILDINGS.

Ballard Hall, Women's Dormitory	\$19,164.28	
Library Building..	18,570.84	
Foster Hall of Science	31,317.73	
Fairfield Hall	20,954.20	
Gymnasium	20,968.40	
Heating Plant	5,650.93	
President's House.....	8,361.31	
Professors' Houses, Etc.....	13,794.51	
	<hr/>	\$138,782.20

EQUIPMENT.

Scientific Apparatus.....	\$ 6,561.36	
Library.....	5,000.00	
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Campus.....		22,540.78
Alumni Field.....		2,154.00
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		\$175,138.35
Endowment..		229,715.03
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Total.....		..\$404,853.38

The above represents the material with which the College is expected to do its work, and it is something to rejoice in, for it represents what is up-to-date and fitted to bring results. But it might seem from the above showing that Parsons is in shape to move on in its work with comfort and financial ease. The fact is, however, that even with the exercise of all diligence there is an annual deficit owing to increasing demands for enlargement. This is to be expected so long as a college is growing, but it makes necessary each year a campaign for funds. In this connection we wish to recognize the generosity of churches and individuals in the past who have helped us meet this deficit.

This brings us to the last part of our report which we trust will receive your careful consideration.

A very serious and perplexing problem confronts the College that

remains loyal to the Presbyterian church. By the terms of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching it is excluded, *because* it is connected with the Church. This is a handicap which is felt very keenly, as it cuts off such a school from participation in the pension allowance for teachers who have grown old or become incapacitated in the service. The influence of this in turning strong men toward positions in colleges where the pension is granted can be easily seen, for the assurance of a competence when the days of active work are over is most cheering. But now this further statement has come: "Mr. Carnegie has *ceased giving* to denominational colleges having any legal connection with their denomination, or having a requirement as to denominational connection of the members of their boards of trustees." This means that the large gifts hitherto made to colleges of every kind are to be withheld, *except to those that cut all legal connection with the church*. A moment's reflection will show what this will mean to any college that feels it to be a duty to remain true to the church that gave it life. It is placed at a very decided disadvantage with others of like grade that feel no duty in this matter.

We at Parsons are confronted by this now and we wish to put this question to the Synod of Iowa: Do you wish us to retain our connection with the church, or are you ready to say to us: "Act your own pleasure in this matter; if you wish to withdraw from us feel free to do so." We feel that this question has now reached the stage where we have the right to a *careful, candid* answer from you. If we remain a college connection with this body, and by that fact are debarred from outside help, then we must look for, and receive, financial help from the church. The loss should be made good. There should be a clear distinction between the schools that remain loyal and those that are not. What we desire, therefore, is for Synod to declare itself on this question, to let it be known whether it counts loyalty of any worth, whether it prefers to have schools bearing the Presbyterian name to be independent of it, or to still retain the relation of a child to its parent. We believe we are justified in making this request and urging thoughtful consideration, and we trust our request will not be denied at this time. This can be done with no thought in mind other than to discover the views of the Synod. It should be discussed on its merits as a question of pressing importance to Synod and to its loyal schools. It will be unwise to the large interests concerned and unfair to the colleges that remain loyal to postpone this question longer. *Do you wish us to remain and become objects of your prayers and support.*

Our attitude in the past indicates our present desire. We much

prefer to remain with God's people and do the work which they need with their blessings and help. It would be a grief to separate from our cherishing Mother, and it is our hope that it may never be, but rather that a closer union may be sustained.

Upon your decision, therefore, Brethren we wait. What shall it be?

At their annual meeting in June last the Board of Trustees elected the following members in the class of 1914:

D. C. Bradley, Centerville, Iowa.

Charles Carter, Fairfield, Iowa.

Rev. Willis G. Craig, D. D. L. L. D., Chicago, Illinois.

Winfield Smouse, Washington, Iowa.

Rev. R. Ames Montgomery, D. D., Ottumwa, Iowa.

G. William Richardson, Clarinda, Iowa.

In the class of 1911 Fred D. Mason of Lincoln, Nebraska, was elected in place of Rev. Harry C. Rogers, resigned.

THOMAS D. FOSTER,

President Board of Trustees.

Fairfield, Iowa, October, 16th, 1909.

IN MEMORIAM.

It is an unusual thing that this issue of The Bulletin should have to record the home-going of two of the Alumni; and it is still more unusual that they should be from the same class—1880.

Christian S. McElhinny passed away August 20th, after an illness of but a few hours. What adds sadness to the event is the fact that he died away from home when attending a wedding and his family were away at Lake Okoboji for their summer outing.

Mr. McElhinny had been for the past thirteen years pastor of the churches at Mt. Zion and Bentonsport, although living in Fairfield, and was very highly esteemed by his parishoners. He had lived a quiet, unobtrusive life, doing faithfully the work entrusted to him with little notoriety. He was content to feel the approval of his Master and know that he pleased Him.

The funeral service was held in Fairfield Sabbath, August 22d,

at his residence, President Parsons and Rev. E. M. Snook, '81, having charge.

News came recently of the translation of Mrs. Clara Scott Behoteguy, also of the class of 1880. The end came peacefully at her home in Wooster, Ohio, where for years her husband, H. G. Behoteguy, '80, had been Professor of French. Mrs. Behoteguy had been a great sufferer for a year, but through it all manifested such a sweet spirit of resignation as to be the wonder of all. In a recent letter from her husband occur these words in speaking of the last days of Mrs. Behoteguy: "She did indeed know Him in whom she had believed, and during the last hours of her life His name was often on her lips as she prayed for His coming, and for that release from the long and weary struggle with weakness and pain. We are glad and thankful that her end was peace, that the passing away was a quiet, falling asleep, and that to the last she was sustained by that unfaltering faith which had made her strong in the midst of all her sufferings and the shattering of all her hopes and plans. Her faith had been most severely tried, but she came out of the struggle victorious and humbly reconciled to God's will. We thank God for this, and for the lesson it has taught us."

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This, the first issue of a new series of the "Bulletin," brings a cheerful message to all friends of Parsons College. Surely, the future is bright with promise. This is evidenced by several things, notable among which are the enthusiasm of the Alumni, a growing interest in Fairfield and helpful words and deeds from those outside our neighborhood. Our best days are before us and we hasten forward.

THE The present vacation has been a time of unusual activity on the Campus and the traditional quiet has been broken by the sound of the hammer and saw as the workmen have been busy on the new Library building. This is to be the handsomest of the structures so far erected. Built of red pressed brick and sandstone with a red tile roof, it attracts the attention at once. The interior will impress by its beauty and adaptability, for it will be compact and suitable for the use of students and faculty. The fire proof stack room will hold twenty-five thousand volumes and will be well lighted and accessible. The library will be finished soon after school opens.

ALUMNI Parsons has for the first time in its history an athletic field worthy the name. For years there has been what passed for such, a place where games were played, but it had none of the requisites for good work. It is a pleasure, therefore, to announce that through the heroic efforts of Professor Johnson and the splendid co-operation of students and Alumni we have an athletic field of which we may feel proud. "Alumni

Field," as it has been christened, is well fenced, so there will be no more seeing games without paying. There is a quarter mile running track with a fine stretch for short dashes. The base ball diamond has a sod infield, and "bleachers" with a seating capacity of six hundred have been built where they will give a good view of the games.

Preparation has also been made for jumping, vaulting, shot putting, hammer throwing, etc. Ground has been prepared for several tennis courts, and opportunity will be given for all out-door sports. This will mean much to the incoming students as well as those who have been here before, and with Professor Schilling to direct will do much for the physical development of all the students.

GYMNASIUM. This is a word to conjure with among college students today, and that school wins the young men which offers with other modern equipment a Gymnasium. It was a cause of rejoicing, therefore, when at Commencement it was announced that Mr. T. D. Foster had again come to the help of Parsons and would give \$10,000 for a Gymnasium. To this friends who were present added \$3,000, so that \$13,000 were in hand at once toward the \$20,000 needed. With what joy all the students welcomed the good news; all were enthusiastic. It was hoped that the remaining amount might be had so we could build at once and have the building before another Commencement. But it has gone more slowly and we still need \$7,000. This is the building needed now, and it is sincerely hoped that it will not be long until the money is forthcoming. The President or any of the trustees will be glad to meet or correspond with any person who wishes to make a proposition concerning the completion of this fund.

BALLARD HALL. The past year was most successful in this beautiful Dormitory for women. Under the management of Mrs. Pattison, the matron, it became what it should be, a home for the girls. From present indications the Hall will be full this year, and any young women wishing to secure a room there should write at once. Expenses, including room, board, light and heat,

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York with Joseffy, will continue her work. Arrangements have been completed to secure the services of Mr. C. L. Peck of Muscatine, Iowa, as Vocal teacher. It is hoped that Mr. Peck may be secured, as everything indicates that he will be the man for the place. Mr. Fred L. Hunt will remain as teacher of the violin.

EXPENSES. The charges for tuition per term of ten weeks, two lessons each week, are as follows:

Piano	\$10.00—\$15.00
Voice Culture.....	15.00
Violin	15.00
Harmony (in class).....	7.00— 10.00
Piano Rent (one hour daily, per term).....	1.50
Ear Training.....	5.00
Theory (in class).....	10.00

Instruction in the History of Music free to all music students. All tuition is payable strictly in advance. No pupil taken for less than a term. No deductions made for lessons missed, except in cases of protracted illness.

Those desiring instruction on band or orchestral instruments can make arrangements with the Director.

For further information, address the Director of the School of Music.

THE NEXT COLLEGE YEAR WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 18, 1906.

CONCISE FACTS.

Below are given expressions of the deliberate judgment of men of affairs as to the necessity of a college course in the preparation for life, and some other facts worth pondering.

Why take a college course? Because it pays a good dividend upon the time and money invested.

“Any failure of a young man to secure the most advanced education he possibly can must at some time in his future life operate detrimentally.”

POWELL STACKHOUSE,
President of the Cambria Steel Co.

"I believe that in the future, as a rule, the managers of the different railroads in this country will prefer to employ young men who have obtained a thorough collegiate education, rather than those who have not gone beyond the limit of a grammar or high school."

President of the Michigan Central Railroad.

"If you mean business, but have not yet decided whether it is better for you to go to college or not to go to college, settle the question today by deciding to go to college. Go to the best possible college for you.. You will be better prepared to meet the world if you do."

ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE,
U. S. Senator from Indiana.

The following is an extract from the letter of a physician to his son in college, which appeared in the July number of "American Medicine":

"Physicians are beginning to call attention to the dreadful increase of immorality and disease in the larger universities—matters which necessarily cannot come to the notice of the faculty. It is in part due to the fact that so many of the new-rich send dangerous amounts of money to their boys at the very time of life when the least is known about using it. It is a vain wish, but a good one, that the big colleges could be broken up into small ones situated in the country districts of the North, where the boys can lead a natural outdoor life in a dustless atmosphere. Cities are deadly places anyhow, and should contain only those technical colleges which need city material for instruction.

"Your choice of a small college was wise, I assure you. The more opportunities there are for healthy outdoor sports—not the ones requiring a nerve exhausting training—the more able will a man be to resist the temptations to which I refer. Besides that, the scholarly atmosphere of a small college town is not only good of itself, but is conducive to a mental state which aids one in resisting the moral pitfalls met later when you take up city life."

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